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Joe Stahl  
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(City and Zip Code)  
Professional Firefighter & EMS  
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Speaking in Favor: ☐  
Speaking Against: ☐  
Registering in Favor: ☐  
but not speaking: ☒  
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(City and Zip Code)  
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(Representing)

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AFSCME  
(Representing)

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Beth Smith

Sen. Mirch

(NAME) 22nd Senate District

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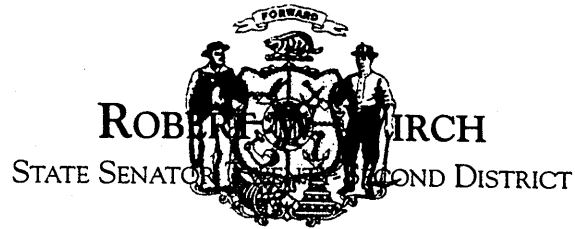
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**Testimony on Senate Bill 297  
by Senator Robert Wirch  
Senate Committee on Labor  
January 18, 2000**

Chair Baumgart and members of the Committee, thank you for this opportunity to appear before you today to speak on behalf of Senate Bill 297. This legislation is simple and straightforward.

There are significant constituencies that feel under-represented on the Employee Trust Funds Board and the Wisconsin Retirement Board. There seems to be a pattern where "employee" seats, which are appointed, become occupied by managerial employees, who tend to reflect the interests of the employers more consistently than those of the employees.

The practice used in filling the employee slots has, over time, undermined the spirit of the statutory provision establishing employee representatives. Allowing management-linked officials the ability to serve in employee slots simply because they too are on the payroll subverts the intent of the law and doubles up employer representation.

There are a variety of ways that the problem of representation can be addressed. For instance, teachers elect their members.

The solution posed in Senate Bill 297 was crafted by the organizations

representing the largest numbers of local government employees and serves as a starting point for discussions.

SB 297 increases the size of the Wisconsin Retirement Board to include a member who is a protective occupation participating employee of a local fire department or certain city and county law enforcement agencies.

The bill also increases the size of the Employee Trust Funds Board, which currently consists of 12 members. ETF board would include the protective member who was added to the Wisconsin Retirement Board.

Fair treatment for all represented groups is a must. I encourage you to vote in favor of SB 297 so it may be sent to the full Senate without delay.

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have at this time.

January 20, 2000

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Relating to: an annual report of the racial or ethnic background, gender and salary of each senior level management employe in this state and providing penalties.

By Senator Burke; cosponsored by Representative Berceau.

Motion by Chair that Senate Bill 250 be recommended for Passage:

AYE: \_\_\_\_\_ NO: 1

**SENATE BILL 279**

Relating to: apprenticeship training and making appropriations.

By Senators Welch, Shibilski, Roessler, Rude, Darling and Drzewiecki; cosponsored by Representatives Lassa, Albers, Riley, Brandemuehl, Plouff, Hahn, Miller, Musser, Kelso, Ryba, Kreibich, Meyerhofer and Sykora.

Motion by Chair that Senate Bill 279 be recommended for Passage:

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Relating to: membership of the employe trust funds board and the Wisconsin retirement board.

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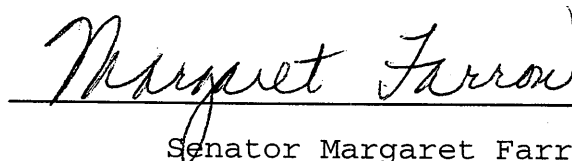
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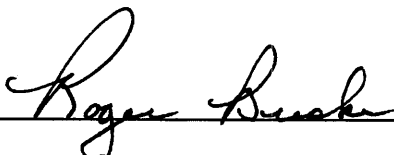
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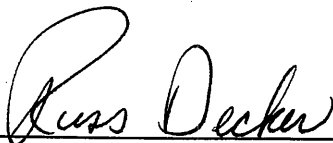
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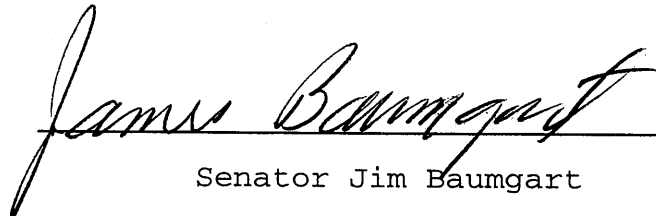
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